

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 465 - HB 683**

March 8, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Entitles the prevailing party to reasonable attorney's fees and costs in a court action to collect damages to livestock from unfenced railroad tracks in fields or enclosures. Deletes the authorization for a train conductor to leave a passenger who refuses to pay the required fare at a convenient point where the passenger can step on land. Creates a six-member task force to conduct a study of the barriers and incentives to increasing passenger rail service in Tennessee. Requires appropriate state agencies to provide assistance to the task force upon request of the chair. Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the General Assembly on or before February 1, 2015, at which time the task force shall cease to exist.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – \$1,800/Each One-Day Meeting**

**Assumptions:**

- Awarding attorney's fees and costs to the prevailing party in a court action to collect damages to livestock from unfenced railroad tracks in fields or enclosures will not result in a significant fiscal impact to the court system.
- Authorizing a train conductor to leave a non-paying passenger only at a train station will not result in a significant fiscal impact to the state or local government.
- Travel and per diem for six legislative members of \$1,782 per meeting (\$173 per diem plus \$124 mileage for each member).
- Any increase in expenditures to state agencies to provide assistance to the task force is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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